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SUBJECT: UP-DATE ON TAN-ZAM RAILROAD

1. REQUEST FOLLOWING BY EARLY SEPTEMBER:

2. FOR LUSAKA

OUR LAST INFORMATION ON TAN-ZAM RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION
STATUS IN ZAMBIA INDICATED WORK WAS PROCEEDING NEAR
TANZANIAN-ZAMBIAN BORDER. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
UP-DATE ON PROJECT PROGRESS, AND CONTINUE TO REPORT
FURTHER DETAILED INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE.

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IN ADDITION,

-- DOES ZAMBIA PLAN TO BEGIN USING COMPLETED LINE IN TANZANIA TO SHIP COPPER BEFORE ENTIRE RAILROAD IS FINISHED?

-- WHAT IS EMBASSY'S VIEW RE LIKELY OUTCOME OF TANZANIAN-ZAMBIAN FREIGHT RATE DISPUTE AND HOW WILL IT AFFECT USE OF RAILROAD WHEN COMPLETED?

-- WHAT IS CURRENT WESTERN EXPERT ASSESSMENT AS TO QUALITY OF CHINESE WORK ON RAILROAD?

-- HAVE ZAMBIAN EFFORTS TO MEET LOCAL COSTS BY MARKETING CHINESE GOODS ON DOMESTIC MARKET BEEN SUCCESSFUL? WHAT IS TOTAL VALUE OF THESE IMPORTS UNDER CREDIT SINCE PROJECT BEGAN?

3. FOR DAR ES SALAAM

EMBASSY PROGRESS REPORT ON COMPLETED PORTION OF TAN-ZAM RAILROAD, SPECIFICALLY:

-- EXTENT TO WHICH LINE IS BEING UTILIZED

-- WHETHER ZAMBIA IS SHIPPING ANY COPPER OVER TANZANIAN PORTION

-- ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN LINE'S USE.

ALSO WISH UP-DATE ON RELATIVE SUCCESS AND PROBLEMS OF MARKETING PRC GOODS IN TANZANIA TO MEET LOCAL COSTS OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION. WHAT IS VALUE OF CHINESE GOODS IMPORTED TO DATE UNDER CREDIT TO SUPPORT PROJECT COSTS? KISSINGER

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